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19 *As the motions to dismiss have been taken under
 20 submission, the instant motion is denied as moot.

21 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

22 **FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

23 DOES 1-150, Individual Persons

24 Plaintiffs,
 25 v.

26 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
 27 INTERIOR, a federal agency; DOUG
 BURGUM, Secretary of the Interior;
 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, a federal agency;
 JESSICA BOWRON, Acting Director of the
 National Park Service; DAVID SZYMANSKI,
 Regional Director, Pacific West Region; THE
 NATURE CONSERVANCY, a District of
 Columbia nonprofit corporation;

Defendants;

RESOURCE RENEWAL INSTITUTE,
 CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY,
 and WESTERN WATERSHEDS PROJECT;

Defendant-Intervenors.

Case No. 3:25-cv-01115-MMC

**ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION FOR
 REMOTE APPEARANCE RE:
 HEARING ON MOTIONS TO DISMISS**

Hearing: August 1, 2025
 Time: 9:00 am
 Court: Courtroom 7, 19th Floor
 Judge: Hon. Maxine M. Chesney

I, Elizabeth Potter, lead counsel for Defendant-Intervenors Resource Renewal Institute, Center for Biological Diversity, and Western Watersheds Project (“Conservation Groups”), respectfully request to appear at the above-referenced hearing through the Court’s public Zoom link. Due to personal issues, including the recent hospitalization and death of my mother, I have been out of the office for much of July and am now unavailable to plan travel from Oregon, where my home and office are located, to California for the hearing on August 1, 2025. My co-counsel are unavailable to travel and attend in my place.

Counsel deeply regrets this development and understands that the Court requires in-person appearances for hearings on contested motions. However, this request should not unduly burden the Court and the parties. The hearing on the Motions to Dismiss will involve numerous complex issues that are being litigated by the other parties—Plaintiffs, Federal Defendants, and Defendant The Nature Conservancy. Defendant-Intervenors did not take a position on those numerous issues and instead filed a very short Partial Motion to Dismiss only one of Plaintiffs' six claims, to which Plaintiffs responded in a mere four sentences. *See* ECF No. 75. As a result, further argument on their Motion should not be needed, particularly in light of the substantial time that will be needed to address the parties' numerous other contentious issues, unless, of course, the Court has specific questions for counsel.

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